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Dec.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
March	1.	Miss Palmer.	March	15.	Mrs. Wright.
April	1.	Miss Murdock.	April	15.	Mrs. White.
May	1.	Mrs. Bacon.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. Teele.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Bacon.
Sept.	1.		Sept.	15.	Miss Palmer.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Mrs. White.	Nov.	15.	Miss Murdock.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November, and on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

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OF

THE AVON HOME.

THE Trustees of the Avon Home have only the same old story to tell; but like the proverbial "old, old story," its renewal is never without interest: the same relief to poor, deserted, or bereaved mothers; the same help over a hard time to the perplexed father whose wife has died and left him helpless with the care of his children; the same efforts to teach good habits and principles to the the little neglected waifs who have been thrown upon our mercy; and the same trials and perplexities; the same untiring aid of our matrons and nurses. Can any story be more interesting, or bear more frequent repetition?

In the course of the year ending November 1, twenty-one children have been admitted to our Home. Four of these were re-admitted for a short time only. Twenty-three have been discharged, and three of those who have left us have been adopted. One has gone to a similar Home in South Boston, and nineteen have been removed by parents or friends.

The three interesting children who have been adopted this year have excellent homes. One little colored girl, who was a great favorite with all of us, has been removed by her mother.

Two of the Trustees have, as usual, visited our children in New Hampshire, and found them in good condition, with only one exception, where we are not quite satisfied.

The house has been well filled during the year by children who sorely needed its protection. We must limit ourselves to forty children, even when many more beg for admittance.

We have had some sad and perplexing experiences during the past year. Our Matron's health has been declining for two years, and at last required her removal to the Cambridge Hospital, where she remained about four months. We have been obliged to accept her resignation. Circumstances made it necessary that she should resign; but we must remember, and record with gratitude, her many years of faithful and efficient service. We are fortunate in finding in our Assistant Matron a friend who has conscientiously filled the Matron's place during her enforced absence, and who is still acting in that capacity very acceptably. Our nursery is well taken care of by an untiring woman, to whom the little ones are devoted.

We can once more tell our friends that we have had no death in our household this year, and we think it remarkable that for four successive years no death should occur among such feeble little neglected children. The physicians, who give their services, are always kind and attentive.

Our May Day festival fills our house with interested friends, and has given us this year more than nine hundred dollars. The various clubs remember us generously, and our store of partly worn clothing has received valuable additions.

We have received also a most timely and welcome legacy from the estate of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt, wife of Andrew S. Waitt, of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The children were remembered at Christmas, not only by helping hands at their own Christmas-tree, but also by pleasant invitations which they would have been glad to accept, if some prevailing illness in the Home, which might possibly injure other children, had not prevented at the last moment.

Miss Manson sent her kind offerings from her kindergarten as usual, and the Sunday School entertainment at St. John's Church was enjoyed when they were all as well as usual.

Mrs. Ward, from the Shepard Church, invited them to an entertainment, but finding the weather too inclement for the younger children, brought her provisions, amusements, etc., to the Home.

Two large excursions have been given this summer by two of the Trustees, and several others were provided by the generous gift of tickets from the West End Railroad. Mr. Mandell, our constant friend of many years, brought not only his own carriage, but those of several friends, and gave all the children, and the other members of our household, a long and delightful drive.

We have not been forgotten, and we tender our grateful acknowledgments to all the friends who have remembered us.

But now we must state the other side, and return to the same old story. Some of our largest subscriptions have been omitted, either from forgetfulness, or from the pressure of hard times.

The moderate rent of our farm, upon which we have depended in part to meet our current expenses, will this year be almost entirely absorbed by taxes and necessary repairs upon the house in Concord. In common with all the charities, our funds are in a very low condition. At our meetings, the Trustees look at each other in dismay; and in order to keep free from debt, we have been obliged to use a fund set apart for great emergencies.

All who have become interested in any form of charity, must know that it opens more and more the desire for kindred work. We can now only supply an immediate and temporary need of food and lodging for little children; but when they remain for some years, and are too old for the Home, we are sorry to send them back to poverty and

neglect. We feel that it would happily supplement our present work if we could use the farm given us by the founder of the Home for the manual training of the boys as they grow older. We only need money to make us ready and willing to undertake this new charity connected with our own. We mention it every year, hoping that the appeal may reach and influence some warm hearts who will make the scheme practicable.

In a sermon recently preached in Cambridge, the idea was beautifully set before us that no human life and no human institution, whether of learning or charity, could be a living power if it were satisfied with its present condition and was not constantly reaching forward toward new fields of activity. "It ought never to feel rich." We have had no temptation to the last mistake.

Cambridge has become a large city. It must provide for its neglected children; and if our work cannot be sustained and enlarged through the foresight and kindness of its prosperous citizens, we wish they would devise some plan for protecting and training our children while they are young, rather than to wait for the work of reformatories and prisons, which must surely come if, in our charities, we do not look to the future. We can only hope that the better times in the financial world, which are predicted, will bring renewed strength and courage to the Avon Home.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER,
ALICE G. TEELE.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
	$41,091.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00

The Permanent and Emergency Funds are invested as follows: —

Notes secured by Mortgages	$21,100.00
Bonds	15,500.00
Railway Shares	3,606.00
Savings Bank deposit	1,135.05
Cambridge Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	250.00

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1895, Nov. 8.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$106.18
To Cash from year ending November 13, 1896: —		
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Grace M. E. Church	$7.50	
Balance Collection at St. John's Memorial Chapel	12.00	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	106.35	
First Baptist Church	10.00	
Little Friends of the Avon Home, from the Old Cambridge Sunday School	3.00	
Subscription Whist by E. O. W. Bee	40.00	
Prospect Street Congregational Society	33.41	
First Universalist Ladies' Benevolent Society	10.00	
Harvard St. M. E. Church Society	6.72	
Primary Class, North Ave. Baptist Sunday School	10.00	
First Baptist Sewing Circle	10.00	
First Baptist Society	10.00	
Four classes in Shepard Sunday School	29.00	
No Name Club	20.00	
Collection from St. John's Memorial Chapel	108.75	
Prospect St. Congregational Sunday School	22.76	
Individual Donations	588.59	
Annual Subscriptions	933.00	
Board	487.75	
General Income	1,990.94	
May Sale	937.27	
Rent of Concord Farm	300.00	
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00	
Received on account of Mortgage	500.00	
		6,477.04
		$6,583.22

November 11, 1896. Audited and approved by

OLIVER H. DURRELL.

1896, Nov. 13.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,288.08	
Provisions and Groceries	1,858.60	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	452.53	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	251.10	
Furniture and House Utensils	79.27	
Improvements and Repairs	170.55	
Druggist	28.95	
Printing	70.00	
Board at Children's Hospital	16.00	
Board at Cambridge Hospital	125.00	
Insurance	105.00	
Excursions	22.00	
Taxes on Farm in Concord	97.50	
Repairs on House in Concord	150.00	
Sundries	52.78	
		$5,767.36
Transferred to Permanent Fund		550.00
The balance is apportioned as follows: —		
Funds awaiting Investment	250.00	
Cash on hand for Current Expenses	15.86	
		265.86
		$6,583.22

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

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Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Furness	1.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	4.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00
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Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	$5.00
Miss Gray	1.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
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Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. Anna E. Jones	2.00
B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Jones	5.00
C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
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Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss Jennie Moore	1.00
Miss H. W. Munroe	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munroe	20.00
Miss Murdock	10.00
J. J. Myers	5.00
Miss S. R. Neal	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols	2.00
Mrs. F. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	2.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. F. W. A. Pike	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Rand	5.00

Miss Edith Raymond	$1.00
Mrs. W. H. Raymond	1.00
C. C. Read	5.00
William Read	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00
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Mrs. A. H. Saville	5.00
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Mrs. J. C. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
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Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. S. B. Whiting	5.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. Alfred Wood	1.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	5.00
A Friend	10.00
A Friend	20.00
A Friend	20.00

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Miss Anne W. Abbot	$25.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	5.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Miss Emma Campbell	5.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Davis	2.00
Oliver H. Durrell	25.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	20.00
W. G. Farlow	10.00
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C. F. Goodridge	25.00
W. W. Goodwin	25.00
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Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Mrs. H. E. Holmes	1.00
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William H. Neal	$5.00
Miss Grace Norton	5.00
Misses Peabody	50.00
William Taggard Piper	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Read	50.00
Clarence G. Reed	10.38
G. F. Ricker	1.71
Mrs. W. A. Rust	3.50
H. C. S.	20.00
Mrs. S. S. Sleeper	25.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. Jeremiah Smith	5.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
Master Louis Yager	1.00
Henry D. Yerxa	25.00
A Friend	25.00
A Friend through Mrs. Sheffield	2.00
A Friend	50.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss Mary A. Ellis, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending October 31, 1896.

1895. **November.** Miss M. J. Bacon, six flannel dresses; Harvard Street Methodist Club, three flannel skirts; Mr. W. M. Griswold, barrel of pears; Mrs. J. M. Allen, Jr., pair rubber boots; Mrs. W. H. Shearer, box of toys; First Parish Church, ham and tongue; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, ten woollen hoods; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, two skirts, two pairs drawers; Mrs. C. L. Harding, box of pears; Miss Chapman's Sunday-School class, First Parish Church, basket of fruit; The Club, one apron; Mrs. J. G. White, box of apples and picture.

December. Mrs. J. G. White, three dozen cakes; The Club, three pairs drawers, one dress, one apron; Mrs. Charles T. Carruth, two pairs boots, two pairs trousers; Miss Churchill, making sheets; Mrs. Edward Read, basket of toys; Mrs. Charles F. Dunbar, two dresses, one nightgown; Mrs. T. W. Higginson, toys; Basket Club, one dozen nursery towels; Mr. William G. MacLeod, three bags potatoes; Miss E. E. Manson's Kindergarten, Christmas gifts and candy; Mrs. W. P. Warner, one coat and hat; William B. Piper, four books; Elizabeth B. Piper, nine books; Nancy Piper, eleven books; Ralph C. Piper, twelve books; Mrs. Charles S. Brooks, box of toys; Santa Claus, sled; Miss Helen M. Munroe, Christmas gifts; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one pair rubber boots, one pair boots, one pair shoes, one pair rubbers, one boy's suit, one cap, two pairs stockings; Amy Ham and Florence, one doll, bureau, and toys; Mrs. Walter Stone, box of candy; Miss Mann, one scrap-book; Miss Graves, pair of mittens; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, basket of bananas; C. Donnison Tower, three dozen oranges; Mrs. B. Vaughan, one turkey; Mrs. E. Norman, box of toys and "Youth's Companion;" Mrs. Studley, one pair trousers; Ernest W. Thompson, one sled, one rocking-horse, books and cards; Basket Club, two flannel dresses, infant's jacket, and toys; Baptist Sunday School, Fitzwilliam, N. H., Christmas toys and papers; Prospect Street Church, bag potatoes, basket apples; Mrs. Thomas Hinkley, boots and toys; The Hive, one nightgown, eleven pairs drawers, eight waists, one flannel skirt, one pair flannel drawers.

1896. **January.** Mrs. W. T. Piper, four waists, one pair rubber boots, three pairs drawers, one pair rubbers, one pair arctics, one pair slippers; Mrs. William Read, flannel dress; Mrs. John Davis, piece of cotton dress goods; Mrs. G. A. Wood, six and one half yards cotton dress goods; Basket Club, twelve nursery towels; Mrs. J. M. Fisk, one piece flannel; "Limited" Club, one apron, one nightgown; The Club, (Miss Hinkley), six nightgowns; Mrs. Charles F. Dunbar, one dress; The Club, three pairs drawers, four waists; Mrs. Storer, basket apples; New Church Sewing Society, six woollen dresses; The Club, one waist, one dress; The Guild, two flannel nightgowns; Emma L. Sands, one pair boots, eighteen books; Mrs. C. L. Harding, twenty remnants dress goods; Miss Charlotte Cross, year's subscription to "Youth's Companion;" The Club, one waist, one apron; Mrs. Hawthorne, one quilt; Mr. James Bell, one pair cotton stockings.

February. "Limited" Club, four cotton flannel nightgowns; The Club, (Miss Hinkley), two cotton flannel nightgowns, two bibs, one boy's blouse; Mr. H. D. Litchfield, basket of toys; Winifred Rogers, fourteen valentines; C. Donnison Tower, three undervests; Mrs. Fisher, one pair mittens; The Club, two aprons, four waists; Mrs. Harry Ellis, picture St. Cecilia; Mrs. Charles F. Dunbar, two flannel dresses; for Francis B. Gilman Memorial Room, six towels, through Miss Chandler; Rev. J. H. Coit, St. Paul's School, Concord, books and cards; North Avenue Baptist Sewing Society, twenty-

three nursery towels; The Club, two cotton dresses, one skirt, two nightgowns, one apron; No Name Club, seven nightgowns, eight aprons, one skirt, one blouse; Mrs. Charles F. Dunbar, one flannel skirt; Mrs. C. H. Ward, nineteen books, one scrap-book; North Avenue Congregational Sewing Society, making twelve flannel nightgowns; Miss Scudder, eight calendars.

March. Sewing Club "Limited," four nightgowns, one sacque; No Name Club, four aprons, one cotton dress; Mrs. Storer, one infant's jacket; The Beach boys, rocking-horse; The Guild, two flannel skirts; Mrs. Kidder, collar and cuffs; Mrs. C. R. Fish, books; The Club, six aprons, one flannel dress, two nightgowns; O. B. Sewing Club, six cotton flannel skirts, one cotton nightgown; Mrs. J. W. Bemis, three aprons, two flannel dresses, eight cotton dresses, fifteen cotton skirts; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, two aprons, one cotton dress, three flannel dresses; Basket Club, one flannel dress, eleven cotton dresses, ten aprons, one flannel jacket, two infant's nightgowns; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one dress, one hat, two pairs stockings, five shirt-waists, three girls' blouses, one skirt.

April. Mrs Richard Pike, Easter cards; Miss Lydia E. Hodges, cards; Miss Alice M. Jones, eight summer dresses, two wrappers, two white aprons, three white skirts, one reefer, two trimmed straw hats; Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, two framed oil paintings; Mrs. David Brewer, cradle and basket, doll's carriage and bed; Mrs. Bent, one pair boots; Miss Woodworth, twelve pairs flannel drawers; Mrs. Louis Agassiz, nine aprons, four flannel nightgowns, four flannelette wrappers; The Trinity Club, seven flannel nightgowns, two aprons; Mrs. A. F. Sortwell, box of toys and three hats; Miss A. M. Goodwin, one dress, two aprons, two pairs drawers, toys; Through Miss Bonney, five pictures for Harriet Woodward memorial room.

May. Active Ten, King's Sons and Daughters of Shepard Memorial Church, four towels, four bibs, three sheets, four pillow-cases; Basket Club, eight nursery napkins, seven skirts; Mrs. Hazen, three dresses, two coats; Mrs. Frank I. Eustis, nine dresses, four skirts, two blouses, two jackets, one apron, one hood, one pair leggings, four pairs stockings, one hat; Wood Memorial Junior C. E. Society, six dozen eggs; Miss Whitney, maple syrup for the children; Mrs. R. F. Richards, eight linen dresses, two coats, one pair drawers; Mrs. Walter Woodman, seven dresses, five hats, six pairs shoes, four pairs stockings, one apron, eight pairs drawers, two coats; Mrs. R. H. Dana, eight pairs drawers, three hats, two shirt-waists, two aprons, one coat; Mr. Charles R. Teele, box laundry soap, two boxes toilet soap; Mr. G. F. Ricker, cleaning two rugs; Mrs. Waldo R. Chase, one tricycle; O. B. Club, one nightgown, one infant's sacque, one skirt, two aprons, toys; Miss Warren, four blouses; Master Harry Porter, one game; The Club, one flannel nightgown; Miss Alice M. Longfellow, scrap-book; North Avenue Baptist Sewing Circle, eighteen aprons; Mrs. Roberts, large rocking-boat, tilt, croquet set, box toys; Mrs. F. D. Allen, two blouses, one pair shoes, one cap; Mrs. Hooper, papers; Mrs. Hayes, three skirts, three shirts, one nightgown, one pair shoes, one pair rubbers; Mrs. G. D. Thomas, Waltham, four cotton dresses; Mrs. Chauncy, chair.

June. Mrs. Frank I. Eustis, one boy's suit, one blouse, one hat, toys; Unknown, baby carriage and large number of toys; Women's Auxiliary Y. M. C. A., basket of cake and eggs; Mrs. F. M. Huntington, two chairs; Mrs. P. G. Porter, package magazines; Curtis Davis & Co., six boxes Welcome Soap; Miss Alice M. Longfellow, ten pictures; Sewing Club, "Limited," six nightgowns, five aprons; The Hive, one nightgown, one flannel skirt, thirteen pairs flannel drawers, two hoods, twelve pairs cotton drawers, fifteen waists; O. B. Club, five flannel skirts, two nightgowns; Mrs. William Read, toys, four flannel skirts, two pairs drawers; a friend, through Miss Hodsdon, eight coats, fifteen white aprons, fifteen colored aprons, two caps, two bonnets; Mrs. Albert Hartwell, four dresses, one coat, two shirts;

The Club, one dress, two cotton nightgowns; Mrs. F. B. Gilman, strawberry lemonade; Mrs. Hodges, basket flowers; Mrs. Charles L. Harding, box roses; Mrs. Durant, home-made cookies; Sewing Society of Shepard Memorial Church, seventeen aprons; Mrs. Rust, two blouses, one pair shoes, two hats; Sewing Club, "Limited," seven aprons, two flannel nightgowns; Y. P. S. C. E. Pilgrim Church, package papers; Mrs. Alice G. Teele, one coat, one dress, two hats; Miss Clara E. Matchett, box cards.

July. Mrs. E. F. Taft, boys' clothing; O. B. Club, one flannel skirt; Mrs. Luke Beard, one dress; Mrs. F. L. Cunningham, three shirts, three pairs drawers, three pairs shoes; Mrs. Osgood, six infants' nightgowns, four glasses jelly, macaroni; Mrs. D. W. Ellis, five pairs drawers; Unknown, large number of toys; Miss Andrews, toys, paper dolls, three aprons; Miss Ropes, large number of toys.

August. Sewing Club, "Limited," one nightgown, two aprons; Mrs. Gauss, apples; Mrs. Chauncey Smith, bushel apples; Gerry Henderson, toys; Mrs. William Read, basket apples; Mrs. Charles Deane, basket tomatoes; Club, "Limited," two aprons; Mrs. Lambert, basket crab apples; Mrs. A. M. French, Newton, colored worsted.

September. William Wright, bread and cakes for picnic; Mrs. Walter W. Pike, children's clothing; Austin Street Unitarian Sewing Society, three dozen calico and gingham aprons; Mrs. T. H. Emerson, twelve books, box of toys, three new pillow-cases, two sheets; Collected by Mrs. E. C. Moulton, three dress skirts, two white skirts, two coats, one dress, one shirt, five pairs drawers; Mrs. W. R. Chase, one box of clothing, eighteen books, "St. Nicholas" and other children's books; Mrs. Cunningham, one bicycle; Mrs. Walter Stone, clothing; Miss Grace Dorr, two pairs slippers, felt hat; Mrs. W. T. Sears, Boston, twelve flannel skirts.

October. Club, "Limited," two aprons; Mrs. W. R. Chase, five books, one set paper dolls, four dolls and clothes; Mr. George S. Merrill, barrel apples; Pilgrim Y. P. S. C. E., package papers; Mrs. Gooch, apples; Mr. Mandell, apples; Miss Curtis, papers; H. E. Hall, toys and books; Master Freeman W. Hodsdon, Gloucester, box of toys; Mrs. Hazen, three infant's bands, one hood, one cap, one hat, three shirts, three pairs drawers, eight blouses, three boy's coats; Mrs. Chauncey Smith, barrel apples; Miss M. R. Jones, large number fancy bonbons; A Friend, Boston, twelve trimmed felt hats, six caps; A Friend, baby tender; Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Taylor, hat trimmings; Oak Grove Creamery Co., six quarts milk daily, in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be seventeen in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Nine Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Corporation for approval at its next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child shall be allowed, except in an emergency, to be out of the Home after 7 P. M., without a special written permit from one of the Committee on Admission and the consent of the Matron, previously obtained.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on Thursdays, also on the first Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties

mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.